

**TOWN OF ELK MOUNTAIN
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, September 12, 2022, 6:30PM TOWN HALL COMPLEX**

Meeting called to order: Mayor Irene called the meeting to order at 6:30PM. Pledge Recited.

Roll Call: Present at Roll Call:

Cm. Angie Hobbs

Cm. Joe Neel

Mayor Morgan Irene

Cm. Craig Mustard

Absent Cm. Bryson Kennedy

Also Present: Linda Crane, Clerk/Treasurer, and Heidi Hess, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer. Also present were Nancy Casner and Assistant Fire Chief Bob Meyer.

Approval of Agenda: Cm. Mustard made a motion to approve the agenda as read; Cm. Neel seconded the motion. Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Neel Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Kennedy Absent, Cm. Mustard Aye motion carries.

Approve Minutes: Cm. Mustard made a motion to approve the corrected Regular meeting minutes of August 8, 2022. Cm. Neel seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Neel Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Kennedy Absent, Cm. Mustard Aye motion carries.

Citizens and Guests Participation: Nancy Casner presented a concern to the Council. At 10:50PM on August 25, 2022, Nancy witnessed a blaze at 104 Bridge Street and became concerned that the sparks may cause a larger fire and damage the town. Nancy then placed a call to Bob Meyer, the Assistant Fire Chief, reporting the blaze. Bob responded to the blaze and discovered the resident was burning construction debris. Bob informed the resident of the town ordinance, which does not allow burning of any kind within the town limits. To remedy this issue, the council proposed an informative flyer be composed, to educate the new residents of the garbage dumpsters, trash trailer, and any ordinances residents should be aware of. The Town Office could present the flyer to each new resident when they pay their water bill deposit.

Reports:

Fire Department: Assistant Fire Chief, Bob Meyer, presented the Elk Mountain Volunteer Fire Department report. The Fire Department received five pages. Two of the pages were for accidents, one page was for a fire pit check, one page was for a fire at mile marker 256 on I-80, which burned ¼ of an acre. The last page was for a lightning strike fire at Sand Lake. Bob reported that Engine 1 is having an issue, which they are looking into. The Fire Department took part in Fill the Boot, which raises money for The Muscular Dystrophy Association. The firefighters raised \$600, over the Labor Day Weekend for MDA. The Fire Department took advantage of a training night to tour the Aspen Highlands subdivision, to familiarize themselves with the water and street locations. Bob let the council know he responded to the blaze at 104 Bridge Street. The fire district board will be on the November ballot. The ballot will include five board positions. There will be informational meetings scheduled to provide more information about the fire district. Bob asked where the funding came from for the new fire engine for the Rawlins Fire Department.

SCWEMS: Morgan reported to the council that SCWEMS is applying for two USDA grants to purchase new ambulances for low-income communities. Morgan shared with the council that the EMT students are having trouble getting floor hours, which are required for their training.

Public Works: Will Redmond, the Public Works Director, was absent. The Public Works report was presented to the council by Mayor Irene. The report included that the garbage truck is running well. A new control box at the lagoon was installed with “as build plans”. The box is a lot simpler. Will plans to shut off the sprinklers as soon as it gets colder but plans to leave it running as long as possible. Street signs will get installed in the next couple of weeks, and Will is going to hire a day laborer to help get the signs done. The museum signs have been installed at the I-80 interchange.

HCJPB: Morgan attended the latest meeting. Morgan reported that the end of the year post closure balance was \$291,649.07. The HCJPB approved the contract to continue using the current monitoring company.

Park Board: No Report. Mayor Irene complimented the efforts of those who have worked on the park this summer.

Cemetery Board: No Report.

Museum Board: Angie Hobbs, the Museum Director, reported that it is now the end of the season. It was a good season, and the museum is making progress. Peter Theiriot has kindly offered to donate the funds needed for the electrical work at the new museum building. The council approved Will Redmond to do the framing of the interior walls of the new museum building.

CCVC: No Report.

CCOG: No Report

CCEDC: The Mayor reported there will be an appreciation dinner held Monday night. Bair Energy is still looking at locations for their hydrogen plant. The wind turbine blade project, mentioned during the last meeting, will not happen after all.

Treasurer’s Report: Cm. Mustard made a motion to approve the corrected June 2022 and July 2022 Treasurer’s reports. Cm. Hobbs seconded the motion. Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Neel Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Kennedy Absent, Cm. Mustard Aye motion carries.

Cm. Hobbs made a motion to approve the August Treasurer’s Report. Cm. Neel seconded the motion. Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye. Cm. Neel Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Kennedy Absent, Cm. Mustard Aye motion carries.

Bills to be Ratified and Paid: Cm. Hobbs made a motion to approve the August 9, 2022, through September 12, 2022, Bills to be Ratified and Paid in the amount of \$23,550.86. Cm. Mustard seconded the motion. Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Neel Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Kennedy Absent, Cm. Mustard Aye motion carries.

Wind Impact Report: Impact Report – No changes for August 2022.

Correspondence: Carbon County Visitor’s Council Fiscal Year 2022 Annual Report, Wyoming DEQ, and various emails and minutes that have been forwarded.

Old Business:

Natural Gas Update: All the information requested by Steve Schute has been submitted. The feasibility study is almost complete.

New Business:

APPROVING RESOLUTION AMENDING BUDGET ORDINANCE #21-01 FOR THE TOWN OF ELK MOUNTAIN, WYOMING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF JULY 1, 2021, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022. Cm. Neel made a motion to approve a Resolution amending Budget Ordinance #21-01 for the Town of Elk Mountain, Wyoming for the Fiscal Year of July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022. Cm. Hobbs seconded the motion. Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Neel Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Kennedy Absent, Cm. Mustard Aye motion carries.

APPROVING ORDINANCE NO. 22-07; DESIGNATING 304 OAK STREET ADDRESS ON FIRST READING. This ordinance is still tabled, pending further information.

XI. Executive Session: None Needed.

Adjournment: With no further business to come before the Council **Cm. Hobbs made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 PM;** Cm. Neel seconded the motion; all in favor none oppose

Clerk

Mayor